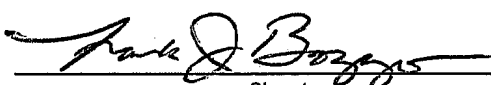


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20                   **REMARKS**

21           The Pre-Appeal Panel (hereinafter "Panel") is respectfully requested to  
22   consider this Request. The Panel is requested to reconsider the rejections of  
23   record in view of the following remarks.

24   **Rejection of Claims 53, 74, 87, and 88**

25           The most recent Office Action dated February 17, 2006, asserts that  
independent claims 53, 74, 87, and 88 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)  
as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,214,583 to Miike et al. ("Miike") in  
view of U.S. Patent No. 5,987,403 to Sugimura ("Sugimura") in further view of  
U.S. Patent No. 5,732,276 to Komatsu et al. ("Komatsu"). However, if for the  
sake of discussion one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

1 made were to combine all of these cited references, the combination of references  
2 nonetheless fails to teach or suggest all of the elements recited by independent  
3 claims 53, 74, 87, and 88, let alone additional elements recited by the dependent  
4 claims.

5 ***The References Fail to Show Input and Output Text in a Continuous String***

6 The Office Action incorrectly asserts that combining Miike with Sugimura  
7 discloses “output text, converted from the input text . . . displayed together with  
8 unconverted input text . . . in at least one continuous string of text” as recited in  
9 claim 53. The Office Action asserts that Miike is not clear as to the “proximity of  
10 the two texts,” including the original text and the translated text (Office Action,  
11 Page 2, Paragraph 6). Respectfully, the Office Action’s acknowledgement that the  
12 two texts are, at best, proximate, concedes that the input text and output text are  
13 not presented in a “continuous string of text,” as recited in claim 53. Moreover,  
14 applicants submit that FIGURES 7-16 of Miike illustrate an interface where  
15 nontranslated text appears in a first field on a different side of a display than the  
16 translated text, which is presented in a separate, second field on an *opposite side* of  
17 the display. Thus, by teaching maintaining separate areas for presentation of  
18 nontranslated and translated text, in itself, Miike teaches away from the recitation  
19 of claim 53 of “output text, converted from the input text . . . displayed with  
20 unconverted input text . . . in at least one continuous string of text.”

21 Conceding that Miike fails to teach this limitation of claim 53, the Office  
22 Action is mistaken that Sugimura makes up for the shortcomings of Miike in  
23 teaching the display of output text and input text in a continuous string. Because  
24 Miike shows separate display of the nontranslated text and the translated text, one  
25 would not combine such a reference with a reference that taught an inapposite,

1 countervailing presentation of the input and output text. Furthermore, even if such  
2 an illogical combination were to be made, Sugimura fails to disclose displaying  
3 “target and source data together” as asserted by the Office Action. FIGURES 7,  
4 13, and 17 relied upon by the Office Action concern the preparation of the “*Target*  
5 *Display Data* using the Display Properties of the Source Display Data” and a  
6 “Number of Characters of the *Target Language*” (FIGURE 13, Block S53).  
7 However, although the target display data is prepared with regard to properties of  
8 the source display data, there is nothing in the figures relied upon or the  
9 accompanying text that shows the target display data and the source display data  
10 displayed together in a continuous string. Furthermore, FIGURE 6 of Sugimura  
11 plainly shows the nontranslated text and the translated text being displayed  
12 separately, in different strings of text. Thus, a combination of Miike and  
13 Sugimura fails to teach or suggest what is recited in claim 53.

14 Similarly, the combination of these references fails to teach or suggest what  
15 is recited in claims 74, 87, and 88. Claim 74 recites “the user interface being  
16 configured to display the converted output text in-line with unconverted input text  
17 in at least one continuous string of text.” Claim 87 recites displaying “the  
18 language text and unconverted phonetic text in-line together in at least one  
19 continuous string of text.” Claim 88 recites displaying “the language text, non-  
20 phonetic text, and unconverted phonetic text in-line together in at least one  
21 continuous string of text.” For the reasons described with regard to claim 53, the  
22 references relied upon by the Office Action fail to teach or suggest these  
23 limitations, and thus fail to render unpatentable claims 74, 87, and 88.

1 *The References Fail to Show Output Replacing Input Text during Conversion*

2 The Office Action incorrectly asserts Komatsu overcomes the shortcomings  
3 of other cited references in disclosing that “output text replaces the input text from  
4 which the output text was converted as each portion of the input text is converted”  
5 as recited by claim 53. Applicants wish to note that the Office Action  
6 acknowledges that Komatsu “teaches displaying the translation of the input text at  
7 *certain stages* of translation” (Office Action, Page 3, Paragraph 2; emphasis  
8 added). However, suggesting that the display of stages of the translation is the  
9 same as replacing input text with output text as it is converted is misleading; the  
10 stages referenced by Komatsu do not refer to portions of text being converted, but  
11 to different phases of the translation of complete strings of text.

12 The text of Komatsu relied upon by the Office Action at Column 4, Line  
13 64, through Column 5, Line 25, describes how FIGURES 2(a)-2(d) depict entirely  
14 different stages of the translation of a Japanese phrase that means “The President  
15 flew to France.” The stages displayable include an “inputted text buffer 2,  
16 morphological analysis of [the] *completed* text buffer 5, translation equivalent  
17 conferred text buffer 7 in which equivalents have been conferred to content words,  
18 and structure conversion completed text buffer 9 for which conversion of sentence  
19 structure to that of the target language has been completed” (Komatsu, Column 4,  
20 Lines 8-15; emphasis added). As evidenced by Komatsu, the different stages of  
21 the translation are displayable *after* the “*completed text buffer*” includes the  
22 whole phrase or sentence to be translated. Moreover, the stages displayable are  
23 not segments of that phrase or sentence, but include different steps within the  
24 translation of that complete phrase or sentence. Thus, Komatsu does not show that  
25 “the output text replaces the input text from which the output test was converted as

1 each portion of the input text is converted” as recited by claim 53, and therefore,  
2 fails to overcome the admitted shortcomings of the other cited references that the  
3 Office Action alleges render claim 53 unpatentable.

4 Komatsu similarly fails to make up for the shortcomings of the references  
5 applied to claims 74, 87, and 88. Komatsu fails to teach or suggest “the output  
6 text is substituted for the input text from which the output text was converted as  
7 each portion of the input text is converted” as recited by claim 74. Similarly,  
8 Komatsu also fails to teach or suggest “the language text replaces the phonetic text  
9 from which the language text was converted as each portion of the phonetic text is  
10 converted” as recited by claims 87 and 88. Thus, for the reasons described with  
11 regard to claim 53, the references cited fail to teach or suggest these limitations,  
12 and thus fail to render claims 74, 87, and 88 unpatentable.

13 **Rejection of Claims 54-73 and 75-85**

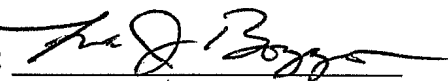
14 Applicants submit that these claims add additional limitations to the claims  
15 from which they depend. Thus, these claims are patentable for at least the same  
16 reasons as independent claims 53, 74, 87, and 88.

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18 **CONCLUSION**

19 The pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully  
20 requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application.

21 Respectfully Submitted,

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